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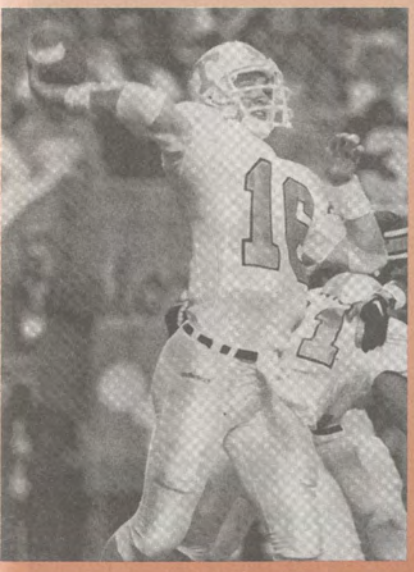

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# From the Editor

It's always good when we can pay tribute to people who help make life better for other people. Such was the case when Bud Ford received a letter the other day from a gentleman named Charles Hugh Fisher from Knoxville.

Here's the text of what Mr. Fisher wrote:

"This past weekend (Nov. 1, 1997), my family and I attended the University of Tennessee-South Carolina football game. A major concern was the uncertainty concerning my daughter's disability which requires a wheelchair. After a call to the UT Ticket Office, two of our regular tickets were exchanged for a handicap location. The office responsible for parking supplied directions and instructions which eliminated all problems usually associated with attendance at a function of this magnitude.

"Upon arrival at the agricultural center parking area, we were immediately directed to the handicap buses, where a courteous driver assumed all duties associated with transporting my daughter to the stadium.

"At the stadium ticket office, we were met by a young man who assumed the task of pushing the wheelchair to an elevator. When the elevator arrived at the handicapped level, we were met by an usher who pushed the wheelchair to the ticket location and also set up a chair for my wife.

"Needless to say, this efficient and courteous attention supplied by the University of Tennessee personnel, from beginning to end (ticket exchange to leaving the parking area after the game), made a special day for the entire family.

"I feel this type of treatment needs to be addressed and commended. Please thank the people involved... ticket office, parking, ushers and the last, but not the least, the athletic department. Keep up the good work. It is personnel like this who truly continue the long history of service and community involvement the University of Tennessee has provided."

A few comments are in order, especially in regard to the impact the University of Tennessee and the Athletic Department have on the local community.

AD Doug Dickey wrote Mr. Fisher back as follows: "I appreciate very much your kind remarks and your taking the time to express your appreciation to those who help you.

"We are customer sensitive and I hope that our ticket office, the people working in the stadium and all of the folks that surround Neyland Stadium are concerned that each of our fans has the right to enjoy the game in a matter that is suitable to their circumstances."

I wrote a couple of weeks ago that everything we do is for the fans, the people who make the trips, who pay the bills, and who support the University so strongly. Nothing has happened to change that view. There is no question about the impact University of Tennessee athletics has on the local community, the state and on its people. (See p. 12, This Week in Big Orange Country, for more information about the program's economic impacts.)

There's nothing quite like it, when 106,000-plus show up at Neyland Stadium each fall Saturday or as many fans as can get there get to Los Angeles, Gainesville, Birmingham, Little Rock and/or Kentucky, or, for that matter, wherever the Vols might be playing.

I appreciated hearing from Mr. Fisher and from the number of Vol fans who write each week about what we're doing in the pages of this magazine. It's always fun to read your letters. Please know that we take your comments to heart. Please continue to let us know what you think.

There's nothing like the feeling you get where you're able to impact somebody's life in a positive way.

Congratulations to all who were involved in one family's positive experience at Neyland Stadium.

— Tom Mattingly

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# A Look At The Vols...

# Getting It Done- On and Off the Field!

Jeff Hall has had a solid season for Tennessee hitting on 44 of 45 extra points and 15 of 21 field goals as the Vols finished the regular season with a 17-10 win against Vanderbilt His efforts have already garnered him All-SEC honors from Football News and more are sure to follow.

The junior from Winchester has been selected to an All-SEC team each of his three years at UT. He has been performing on the field for the Volunteers, but he also been performing off the field.

Hall is very involved in the Knoxville and East Tennessee community as he makes appearances throughout the area speaking to children and teenagers. He has spoken at several area churches, schools and other community organizations. If people are willing to listen, he is willing to talk to them.

"When I was in high school, I made a promise to God that if He put me in a position that people were going to ask me to come and speak, then I was going to do it," Hall said. "I enjoy the community service and speaking. It is a platform I try to use.

"All these people get caught up in the game, and everybody makes a big deal out of it, but it is just a game. Fifteen years from now, nobody is going to remember who was All-SEC or All-America. More importantly, people are going to remember what impact you had on the community and how you lived your life. That is so much more important than the game of football."

Hall has used his status as a Tennessee football player as a means of getting into the community. It is a position that he relishes.

"I believe it is a blessing to be able to speak to people," he said. "One thing I want to get across is this world is a sinful world and so many times we can get caught up in it. I am not perfect by any means and I have my trials, tribulations and struggles like everybody else.

"I just want kids out there to know what they are about to face and that the most important thing is your faith. If it is the root of your life, you are going to be okay and, if not, you are going to have some struggles."

Last season, Hall struggled with a back injury which required surgery during the off season. But now he believes he is back at 100 percent and is starting to get into a kicking groove.

"I am doing a lot better than I was this time last year," Hall said. "I did not have a lot of opportunities at the beginning of the year and I did not get into much of a groove, especially with the off weeks. When it gets to the point when you are playing game after game, that is when midseason form comes. I am getting into a groove, but I am always wanting to improve. I hope this continues and I keep getting the job done."

Part of what has helped get Hall back in the groove is that he is handling all of the kicking duties. He is responsible for kicking off,

*Jeff Hall has proven to be valuable Vol, not only kicking extra points and field goals, but also in the ever-important kickoff duties as well.*

extra points and field goals.

"I started kicking off toward the end of last season, and I have always enjoyed the challenge of kicking off with the heighth, direction and distance," he said. "I believe I do better on field goals and extra points when I am kicking off because I am not limited in my responsibilities. It is a total package kind of deal. When I am kicking off, I believe I do better in other my responsibilities."

This season Hall has had several games to demonstrate his kicking ability. In the season-opening 52-17 win over Texas Tech, Hall was able to kick seven extra points and a field goal plus he kicked off eight times. In the shootout with Kentucky, he kicked eight extra points, added a field goal and kicked off 10 times.

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***—Placekicker Jeff Hall***

"That is fun when you get to get more," Hall said. "It is fun to go out on the field and get in that groove. You just get more and more comfortable. The more I kick, the better I am hitting the ball and I get in a rhythm. That is a key because you only have so many chances a game."

Hall has been a solid performer during his career at Tennessee, as he has moved him into fourth on the all-time scoring at Tennessee with 261 points. He has joined the ranks of Fuad Reviez and John Becksvoort, but he will not consider himself in their class.

"In my mind I will always look up for those guys regardless of what happens," he said. "I try to model my career after them, and I don't think I will ever hold a candle to them."

Becksvoort's influence on Hall was tremendous during Hall's redshirt season back in 1994.

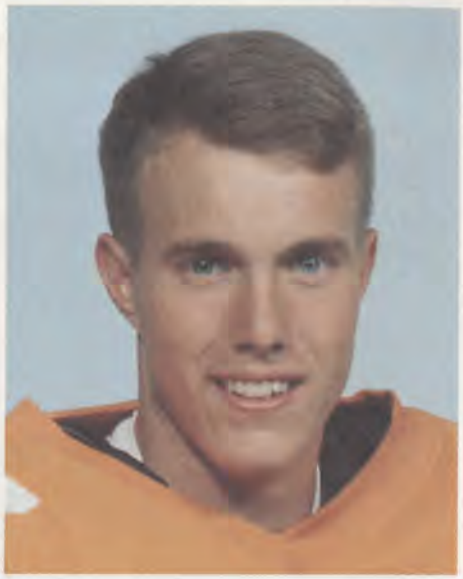
"I was relaxed a little bit my first year, because I knew he was going to be there," Hall said. "I learned how to handle different aspects of the game. I learned how he handled being on the sidelines and saw how he handled different situations. That was good for me to see him handle things and react to different things. My redshirt year was so much of a learning experience, and he played a big part of it."

But when Hall's chance to perform came, he did not disappoint. He first had to get over the realization that he was fulfilling his childhood dream of playing for Tennessee, then he was set to begin his career as a Vol.

"When I was lining up to kick off the 1995 season against Eastern Carolina, and I looked up and thought this is really happening," he said. "I took a deep breath and have never thought about since.

"I think that is how you have to approach it. You have to forget about the crowd and TV and have a good time and remember who you are playing for. Those of us who are Christians are playing for a higher power. We are playing for our Lord, and everything else is second nature."

Hall also had a chance to do



something his freshman year many people only dream about doing it. He connected on a field goal in the closing seconds to give Tennessee a 30-27 win over the Georgia Bulldogs. But that is in the past, and Hall is focused on the future.

"You can't look back and base your career on one kick," he said. "The thing with things like that is to enjoy them and then put them behind you. Whether you miss a kick or make a kick, the most important thing is to forget about it and concentrate on the next one. You have to worry about the next kick coming up and not things that happened in the past."

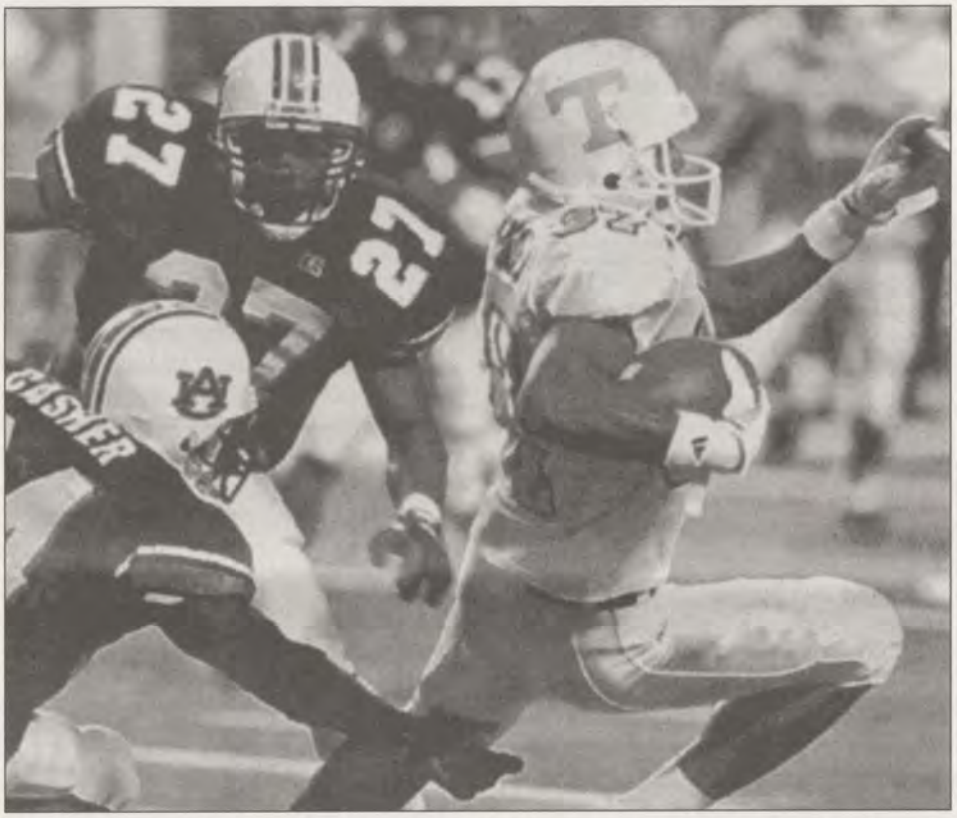
Hall has kept making a name for himself both on and off the field, and realizes the changes that have taken place during his career thus far at Tennessee.

"More than anything now I am focused," he said. "Going through my freshman year and then going through back surgery, I learned to put all of that stuff behind me.

"I just try to concentrate on the game, and remember that it is a game that I played when I was 13-years-old when all I did was run on the field every once and a while and kick an extra point."

— Rob Hardin

# SEC CHAMPS!
# Tennessee 30, Auburn 29



*Peerless Price breaks free for a 46-yard TD pass reception in the third quarter of Tennessee's 30-29 win over Auburn Saturday night.*

(See Fulmer File, p.8)

The Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 6, 1997 -- Let us hear it for the champs! Tennessee's never say-die Volunteers overcame all sorts of adversity to take the school's 12th SEC Championship lock, stock and barrel before a record crowd here tonight. The final was 30-29 and the issue was in doubt until the Vols' sensational freshman, tailback Jamal Lewis, swept right end for 18 yards and a first down inside the last minute and the celebration was on. It was, as AD Doug Dickey often says, a "defining moment" for the Vol program.

The Vols are now 11-1 with a Orange bowl bid Jan. 2 against Nebraska in their collective pockets. Big things are ahead for this bunch over the next month. They are the sixth Tennessee team to win 11 games (1938, 1950, 1970, 1989 and 1995 were the others) and have won their last nine games and 39 of the last 43. The Vols are now 3-0-1 in their last four meetings with AU and will travel to Jordan-Hare Stadium next October to face Auburn again.

Tennessee won despite more ups and downs than you see on the average afternoon soap opera. The Vols lost four fumbles and two interceptions and had an extra point run back for two points yet found a way to win. The Vols trailed 20-10 at the half and it could have been more in one of those games where you look at the scoreboard and are amazed to see the margin is that close.

The Vols won with a 502-yard offensive output that included 127 yards rushing by Lewis on 31 carries, none more important that the final 18 previously mentioned, 373 yards passing from Peyton Manning on 25 of 43 passing, 161 yards on eight receptions by Peerless Price and 126 yards on nine receptions by Marcus Nash, who ended up with a school record 76 catches for 1170 yards. Vol defenders, led by the incomparable Al Wilson and Leonard Little, fought the good fight all night to keep things close.

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said, 'Let's go out and win this game.' This is why you play college football. This is why you play in the SEC."

It was a "big-game" performance by Manning, who made the requisite plays at the right time. He came up big and persisted in the face of bad happenings in leading the Vols back time after time. Manning tossed four TD passes, two to Price, one to Jeremaine Copeland and the game-winner to Nash, an innocent looking sideline route that Marcus turned into a 73-yard score. The game-winner came with 11:14 left and the Vol defense had the requisite muscle power to hold on for the win.

Manning became the all-time leading passer in SEC history, surpassing Georgia's Eric Zeier. He now has 11,201 yards, while Zeier passed for 11,153 in his career (1991-94). Manning also established an SEC completion mark, with 863 completions moving past Zeier's 838.

Tennessee came out smoking as Manning hit Lewis for 25 yards on the game's first play and four plays later found Price deep down the right side for 40 yards and a score. The Vols would add only a field goal the rest of the way in the first half and had all kinds of bad things happen to them, including an Auburn fumble return for a score and a 51-yard TD pass that the Vols seemed to have covered.

The Vols came out with renewed vigor in the first moments of the second half as Terry Fair returned the first punt of the third quarter 44 yards to the Tiger 22. Nash caught a 13-yarder and the payoff came on a four-yard toss to Copeland. Vol defenders continued the onslaught and the Vol offense moved goalward again before disaster struck in the form of a juggled pass that led to a 77-yard interception return and another score. It was 27-17 with 6:14 left in the third quarter. The Tigers would, however, not score again offensively.

Manning made a key toss to Price for 23 on third and 17 and coaxed the Tiger defense into an offsides on a fourth-and-two situation at the AU 46. A play later, Manning found Price for a 46-yard TD with 1:06 left, but the Tigers blocked the kick and returned it for two points to make the score 29-23. You had to have a feeling at this point that the Vols needed only to get the ball back trailing by six to have a chance to get the lead back.

Tennessee got it back with 11:32 to go in the fourth and immediately cashed it in. After an incompletion to Nash, Manning found Nash on the right side. Marcus escaped a defender and it was a footrace to the end zone as the Vols tied the game. Jeff Hall's extra point was the game winner.

Fred White recovered a fumble to blunt one drive and Little dominated another. "We had the attitude we weren't going to be denied," Little said. "And we weren't denied in the end."

It was left for Lewis and the Vol offense to kill the clock and that's exactly what happened.

Lewis made the key run when the Vols had to have it and that was that.

--Volunteers Magazine Staff

***Leonard Little gets after Auburn quarterback Demeyune Craig in action in the SEC title game at Atlanta. The Vols set a single season record with 45 sacks.***

## *Tennessee Statistics vs. Auburn*

| Team Statistics | UT | UA |
|---|---|---|
| First Downs | 22 | 9 |
| Rushing | 7 | 2 |
| Passing | 14 | 7 |
| Penalty | 1 | 0 |
| Rushing Attempts | 36 | 21 |
| Yards Gained | 134 | 27 |
| Yards Lost | 5 | 42 |
| Net Yards Rushing | 129 | -15 |
| Net Yards Passing | 373 | 262 |
| Passes Attempted | 43 | 34 |
| Passes Completed | 25 | 14 |
| Had Intercepted | 2 | 0 |
| Total Offensive Plays | 79 | 55 |
| Total Net Yards | 502 | 247 |
| Average Gain | 6.4 | 4.5 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 6-4 | 5-1 |
| Penalties No-Yards | 9-49 | 12-78 |
| Punts-Average | 5-36.4 | 10-43.8 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 8-171 | 2-15 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 1-17 | 4-89 |
| Int. Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 2-77 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 1-24 |
| Time of Possession | 35:43 | 24:17 |
| Third Down Conversions | 9-17 | 1-13 |
| Fourth Down Conversions | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Sacks By-Yards | 4-24 | 1-2 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TENNESSEE | 7 | 3 | 13 | 7 | — 30 |
| AUBURN | 13 | 7 | 9 | 0 | — 29 |

1-T: Price, pass from Manning 40. Hall kick.
Drive: 80 yards, 5 plays, 2:29 possession, 12:41 on clock.
1-A: Holmes, FG 30.
Drive: 67 yards, 7 plays, 2:16 possession, 10:25 on clock.
1-A: Ward, fumble return 24. Holmes kick.
Drive: 5:36 on clock.
1-A: Holmes, FG 48.
Drive: 25 yards, 7 plays, 1:55 possession, 1:27 on clock.
2-A: Goodson, pass from Craig 51. Holmes kick.
Drive: 61 yards, 3 plays, 1:13 possession, 14:12 on clock.
2-T: Hall, FG 27.
Drive: 73 yards, 14 plays, 6:26 possession, 7:46 on clock.
3-T: Copeland, pass from Manning 5. Hall kick.
Drive: 22 yards, 4 plays, 1:55 possession, 11:56 on clock.
3-A: Beasley, pass from Craig 24. Holmes kick.
Drive: 19 yards, 1 play, :13 possession, 6:14 on clock.
3-T: Price, pass from Manning 46. kick blocked.
Drive: 80 yards, 10 plays, 5:08 possession, 1:06 on clock.
3-A: Reese, PAT return.
Drive: 1:06 on clock.
4-T: Nash, pass from Manning 73. Hall kick.
Drive: 73 yards, 2 plays, :18 possession, 11:14 on clock.

| Rushing | Att. | Gain | Lost | Net | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lewis | 31 | 128 | 1 | 127 | 0 | 18 |
| Manning | 4 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Bryson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Passing | Att. | Comp. | Int. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Manning | 43 | 25 | 2 | 373 | 4 | 73 |

| Receiving | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nash | 9 | 126 | 1 | 73 |
| Price | 8 | 161 | 2 | 46 |
| Copeland | 4 | 36 | 1 | 14 |
| Lewis | 3 | 45 | 0 | 25 |
| Edmonds | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 |

| Punting | No. | Yards. | Avg. | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hogue | 5 | 182 | 36.4 | 50 |

| Field Goals | Att. | Made | Long |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hall | 1 | 1 | 27 |

| All Returns | Punts No. | Yds. | LP | Kickoffs No. | Yds | LP | Int. No. | Yds. | LP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Copeland | 1 | 14 | 14 | | | | | | |
| Fair | 7 | 157 | 45 | | | | | | |
| C. Wilson | | | | 1 | 17 | 17 | | | |

# Fulmer File...

# 1997 SEC Title Game

When everything bad you can imagine happens to you in football game, it's time to turn to what you have inside to see you through to victory.

That's exactly what this squad of Tennessee Volunteers did in squeaking past Auburn Saturday night for the Southeastern Conference championship, 30-29.

And, in particular, it was the seniors, a special group of Vols if I've ever seen one, who, in the fourth quarter, reached deep for the qualities they needed to beat a hard-fighting Auburn team.

Two magnificent seniors, Peyton Mannng and Marcus Nash, hooked up for the play that put us ahead for the first time since early in the game. The 73-yard scoring toss in the final period came just in the nick of time because we were reaching the point where we were about to run out of opportunities. I sure didn't want to be in a position where we needed to count on desperation plays to pull us through.

Before we finally took the lead, we experienced a plethora of things going awry. Imagine coughing up six turnovers and still winning the game!

The first, and only, turnover charged to Auburn was beautifully timed, though, from our standpoint. The Tigers were in our territory when Terry Fair knocked the ball loose from an Auburn receiver, and Fred White pounced on the fumble. At last, a big break had gone our way. For the remaining 11 minutes, we played a possession game, looking for first downs that would allow us to run time off the clock.

We had to kick the ball back to Auburn more times than I wanted, but our defense, which had played tough throughout the game, was at its best in that final stretch. The line applied pressure to the Tigers' standout quarterback, Dameyune Craig, and our secondary did a good job coverng his receivers.

At the press conference after the game, I was asked again and again if Peyton Manning is the best college football player in America. I answered with an emphatic yes and was tickled to death my case was bolstered by the addition of MVP in the championship game to Peyton's list of honors. I am proud not only of Peyton but of every member of our football team and coaching staff. Every one of them kept the faith

Something I learned almost 30 years ago as a player still holds true: Vol fans are matchless when it comes to spirit and loyalty. They don't bear these qualities silently either. In pregame when I walked out to the field for a quick lookaround, our band struck up its rendition of Rocky Top, and, for a minute, I thought I was back at Neyland Stadium. The stands were bathed in Orange.

The Georgia Dome provides an electrifying atmosphere for a championship series that is taking on the earmarks of an epic event. To say the arena is noisy is an understatement. My congratulations go to Commissioner Roy Kramer and his Southeastern Conference staff for conducting the playoff in a thoroughly professional manner.

Before we get into our bowl preparations, the coaches will be traveling, as we try to put our recruiting effort into high gear. In the meantime, our players will be pitching into final exams for the fall semester. We never let up in reminding them their first priority at UT is getting an education. Final exams underscore that message very realistically.

*– Phillip Fulmer*

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*Tennessee Tradition...*

# Ben Byrd on the Vols...

## A Look Back at Conference Titles

The University of Tennessee had been a member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference since 1900 and had never won a title until Coach Zora Clevenger's troops put together a 9-0-0 record in the fall of 1914.

Down through the years that accomplishment has become inexorably linked with another milestone feat of that season, the 16-14 win over Vanderbilt at Nashville, the first ever Vol triumph over their dreaded midstate foes. In point of fact, the `14 team nailed down the championship by beating Sewanee and Kentucky Central after the Vandy game, but it is probably fair to say that the win over the Commodores was the swing game of that season.

Anyway, back to the excitement that it created 83 years ago. Knoxville could not have been more swept up in football frenzy. The Grand Theater on Gay Street advertised a telegraphic play-by-play report from Dudley Field, and the joint was packed with Vol fans who couldn't make the trip to Nashville. Those who did go, for the most part, rode back and forth on a Southern Railway special train for the trip fare of $6.75.

UT left the SIAAC in 1920 to join the Southern Conference, and seven years later Bob Neyland's 1927 team nailed down the school's second league crown with an 8-0-1record. The `32 team (9-0-1) picked up another title in the school's final year in the Southern.

It is ironic that the "Flaming Sophomores of 1928," the "Hack, Mack and Dodd" group that ushered Tennessee into the national spotlight, never won a conference championship. Ties with Kentucky knocked them out in `28 and `29, and a loss to Alabama spoiled their bid in `30. UT left the Southern Conference to join the new Southeastern Conference in 1933.

Neyland-coached teams won five SEC titles over a stretch of 20 years, although the General himself missed six of those seasons on active army duty.

His perfect record teams of 1938-39-40 all won SEC crowns. There was no mandated minimum number of conference games back then, and within the SEC itself the `38 team went 7-0-0, then the `39 team 6-0-0 and the `40 team went 5-0-0.

The General won another conference crown in his first year back from World War II in1946, and then hung a final star on the tree with his national championship 1951 team that went 10-0-0 in the regular season play. All in all, Neyland won seven conference championships, half of the UT total.

Bowden Wyatt became the first old grad to coach the Vols to an SEC title when he orchestrated the 1956 team to an unbeaten and untied regular season record.

It was eleven years before the 1967 Vols, coached by Doug Dickey, broke through for the next title with a 9-1-0 regular season record and a 6-0 SEC mark. Dickey then became only the second Vol skipper to that time to add a second league crown to his record when his last UT team, 1969, went 9-1-0 and 5-1-0 (SEC).

There were no conference championships for Tennessee from then until 1985, when Johnny Majors began to write his name in large letters in the record book. Majors' teams won three championships, starting with that thrilling `85 bunch that went 8-1-2 before disposing of Miami in the Sugar Bowl 35-7.

Then his `89 team (11-1 overall) and `90 (9-2-2 overall) teams racked up back-to-back titles, the first time that had happened since the `38-39-40 era. Majors thus climbed into second place behind Neyland with three SEC crowns, and joined Wyatt as the only Tennessee men ever involved in conference championships as both player and head coach.

The prize for most conference championships as a player, of course, goes to those gallant Vols who were sophomores in 1938, juniors in `39, and seniors in `40. Those guys just didn't know how to lose.

# Former Vol

## *Tim Irwin*
*(1978-80)*

Tim Irwin came to the University of Tennessee out of Knoxville's Central High School and was a key figure on Vol offensive lines during his time on campus.

At 6-7, 265, Irwin was an All-SEC selection in 1980 and was named a co-winner of the outstanding lineman award for the 1979 team. He also won the Knoxville Journal (now Maryville Times) Trophy, given to the senior Vol with the highest academic average.

He played professionally at Minnesota (a third round draft choice who played under former Vol John Michels), Tampa Bay and Miami.

He is now a lawyer in Knoxville.

***Former Vol Tim Irwin battled hard in the trenches for the Minnesota Vikings from 1981-93.***

# The University of Tennessee Proudly Salutes Its 1997 National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Honorees

### Bowden Wyatt
### 1997 Hall of Fame Inductee

- Won Titles in Three Conferences -Southeastern, Big Sky, and Southwest Conferences
- 1950 Skyline Conference Coach of the Year at Wyoming
- 1954 Southwest Conference Coach of the Year at Arkansas
- 1956 SEC and National Coach of the Year at Tennessee
- Elected as Player to College Football Hall of Fame 1972
- Elected as Coach to College Football Hall of Fame 1997
- Overall record of 99-56-5
- Joins Amos Alonzo Stagg and Bobby Dodd as the only men inducted as a player and a coach

### Peyton Manning
### 1997 National Scholar-Athlete

- 1997 Cum Laude Graduate in Speech Communication
- Burger King Scholar-Athlete
- All-SEC Academic Honor Roll (1995, 96)
- AFCA "Good Works" Team
- 1997 Chancellor's Citation for Extraordinary Campus Leadership and Service
- Selected Phi Beta Kappa
- Honorary Chairman, MS READ-A-THON
- Spokesperson for "Stay in School" Campaign
- 1997 GTE District IV All-Academic Team
- Football News First Team All-America Quarterback

### Other Volunteers Honored by the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame

**Hall of Fame Members**

*Gene McEver (1954) • Beattie Feathers (1955) • Gen. Robert R. Neyland (1956)*
*Herman Hickman (1959) • Bobby Dodd (1959) • Bob Suffridge (1961)*
*Nathan W. Dougherty (1967) • George Cafego (1969) • Hank Lauricella (1981)*
*Doug Atkins (1985) • Johnny Majors (1987) • Bob Johnson (1989)*
*Dr. Ed Molinski (1990) • Steve DeLong (1993) • John Michels (1996)*

**National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes**

*Neyle Sollee (1959) • Bob Johnson (1967) • Don Denbo (1970) • Mike Mauck (1976)*

**Most Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football**

*Lindsey Nelson (1988) • Bob Woodruff (1989)*

**National High School Scholar Athlete, Southern Region**

*Todd Helton (1992)*

# This Week In Big Orange Country

## Economic impact

(Editor's Note: This article is taken from the Nov. 29th edition of The Knoxville News-Sentinel written by Jacques Billeaud)

Volunteer fans already ask Allison McGinnis for next year's hotel reservations even though the season opener is nine months away.

It's not just hotel rooms that UT fans want.

They want tickets, parking spaces, programs with game information, T-shirts, refreshments and snacks for the kids and a meal after the game.

Game day may be a time for Vol fans to cheer for the Orange and White, but it's also an opportunity for merchants to put green in their pockets.

Last year, Volunteer athletics created $62.2 million of income and supported more than 3000 full-time jobs in the Knoxville area, according to a UT study based on athletic department and visitor records.

That dollar figure is more than twice what it was in the 1990-91 season, when UT sports brought in $27.4 million of income to the area, according to the study.

Of last year's $62.2 million, which includes the respending of sports-related dollars in Knoxville, $34.5 million is attributed to the athletic department, while the remaining $27.7 million comes from fans and visitors.

Last year, UT sports supported the equivalent of 3015 full-time jobs: 149 employed by the athletic department, another 1727 supported through athletic department spending and 1139 from fan and visitor spending.

The increase from $27.4 million in the 1990-91 season to last year's $62.2 million was caused in part by the expansion of Neyland Stadium and a strong women's sports program, said Bill Fox, the economics professor who conducted the study.

In addition to buying tickets, people who live in the Knoxville area spend an average of $25 each at UT football games and $12.50 at basketball games, Fox estimated.Those driving in for the day spend an average of $47. Overnight visitors each spend about $135, Fox estimated.

These figures bode well for business people, many of whom are well aware of the economic effects of game times and Knoxville's proximity to the Vols' opponents. "I do more business on a football day than I do in a week," said Brent McKeehan, general manager of O'Charley's Restaurant and Lounge on Cumberland Avenue.

For the Day's Inn location near campus, a fifth of its business comes from UT sports, McGinnis said.

The Hyatt Regency does good business on days when home football games begin around 3 p.m. That means an out-of-town guest may stay two nights and eat breakfast and lunch before going to Neyland Stadium, said Hyatt Regency general manager Tom Mason.

If a game begins at noon, the guest may or may not spend another night in Knoxville. Or a guest may not go out to dinner if the game begins at 7 p.m. Despite these quirks, UT sports remain solid business for hotels and restaurants.

What the UT study didn't gauge was the economic effects of Vol quarterback Peyton Manning. When Manning is touted as a Heisman Trophy candidate, UT and Knoxville are mentioned throughout the nation, Fox said.

Winning, of course, helps to keep UT sports a successful business. "It puts people in the stands," Fox said.

*Head Rowing Coach Susannah Iacovino is looking forward to having a new home for her rowing team in 1999.*

*The UT Athletic Department helped to generate a record $62.2 million for the Knoxville area last season.*

## Lady Vols to Get New Boathouse

Within 18 months, the Knoxville waterfront will have a new structure standing in its midst. A $2.5 million boathouse set up for use by the University of Tennessee Lady Vol rowing team, will break "water" this winter when the foundation is scheduled to be laid for the three-story building. In addition to its benefits for the rowers, the facility will also include The River Club at The Boathouse, open to only those with private memberships, and a restaurant, which will add another eatery on the waterfront. The restaurant will be open to the public, except on special event days, such as UT football games.

All this has been made possible by the establishment of the non-profit Boathouse Benevolent Society, set up by Pete Claussen. The costs to build the facility will be combined between the University of Tennessee and memberships sold to the club. Funding for the third-floor restaurant will come from memberships through the River Club. The revenue generated will then go back to the university to help cover their initial investment.

Former Lady Vol administrators, Susan Williams and Carol Evans of the Ingram Group, are among those heading up the project. In order to reach their goals, however, more memberships need to be sold. The memberships are expected to be tax-deductible and no annual fee is guaranteed for the first five years. Member benefits include a reserved table for 365 days a year, including all special events, such as Boomsday and home football Saturdays.

The boathouse, which will be used to house the third-year rowing team's boats (or shells), also will encompass a storage facility, equipment room, training area, offices and meeting rooms for both the team's and university's use, in addition to the restaurant in the 18,000-square feet of space.

UT had been planning on building a facility for the new team, but the opportunity to merge its plans with a private group gives the university the ability to construct a first-rate building directly on the water.

"I am really excited that the Boathouse Benefit Society has been set up to help foster rowing in the community," said Lady Vol head rowing coach Susannah Iacovino. "It gives people in the community an opportunity to support the university and belong to something as prestigious as a River Club."

The boathouse will be built on the site of the new Volunteer Landing where the railroad tracks cross Neyland Drive and continue as an extension of the waterfront development. Its anticipated opening is sometime during the summer of 1999. Coach Iacovino's crew has used a boathouse at the Knoxville Glove Company on the opposite side of the river as its facility for the past few years.

One of the things Williams and Evans have insisted upon is that there will be no changes to the docks for those who make up the "Vol Navy". In fact, as Williams and Evans see it, the River Club provides football fans a perfect opportunity to come to Tennessee games, dock their boats and eat at a first-class restaurant. Buying a membership at the club will ensure a reservation at the restaurant after the game. However, the project cannot come together unless all of the memberships have been sold. Over two-thirds have already been purchased, but more are needed soon if the building is to go up as scheduled.

For more information about purchasing a club membership, please contact The Ingram Group at 637-8668.

—Brad Laux

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# VASF News and Notes

**NCAA Q & A**

This week's NCAA Q & A topic deals with complimentary admissions to events. All VOLUNTEERS Magazine subscribers, as well as all VASF donors, are considered to be University of Tennessee athletic representatives by the NCAA. The VASF would like to stress the importance of these guidelines provided by the NCAA. Everyone wants Tennessee to win, but in Knoxville it is important to win fairly because the Vols and Lady Vols each have outstanding programs.

**QUESTION:** Can I host player prospects as my guests at away or bowl games?

**ANSWER:** No. Complimentary admissions are not the responsibility of University athletic representatives. UT athletic representatives may not provide free admission for a prospect's family or friends to any Tennessee away contest, tailgating party, or post-season play (including bowl games). Sometimes, a player may "visit" a University as a recruit. Such cases are times when complimentary admissions are provided by the host team for its recruits. Any conditions which arise that could be close to any of the actions mentioned in the past couple of NCAA Q & A's need to be reported to the University as soon as possible because Tennessee needs to be aware of these situations. Please contact Malcolm McInnis, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance at (423) 974-3871 for more information. Watch this space next week for more NCAA Q & A.

**Point System Question Of The Week**

The VASF staff members took to the streets in November to fully explain the new point system. Mike Hamilton and John Currie have traveled all across the state. Here is one common question the VASF staff members received during the past week, both on the road and in the VASF office.

**QUESTION:** When are points awarded for my company's match to my contribution?

**ANSWER:** For matching grants, the points are awarded when money is actually received. However, that donor is recognized at the full gift amount and granted that membership status as soon as the donor's pledge and contribution is made. Those points for the donor gift are applied immediately to each record. The points from the company's contribution are not awarded until the actual donation is received by the University. The VASF staff encourages all the matching grant participants to get their initial gifts in early, so the matching company's contribution has a chance of arriving before March 1. If this happens, it will allow matching grant donors to utilize all the points in their ranking from their employer's generosity as well.

**Update On VASF Point System Appeals**

The VASF staff is considering each appeal very closely. After an appeal has been resolved, that donor will be notified. Responses to all point system appeals should be mailed by the end of December. An updated point standings sheet will also be included in the response. Thank you for your patience.

**Bowl Application Mailing**

*Bowl applications should have been mailed around the first part of December. While it was unknown which bowl Tennessee would be invited to at press time, applications were sent out as soon as the selections were made. Donor minimums and ticket allocations by contributor levels have yet to be determined contingent upon the size of the allotment Tennessee receives. Ticket prices and ticket allocations based upon donor levels are listed on the applications. They are due back in the ticket office by the middle of December. Please return the application through the mail or in person. The ticket office will not accept phone or fax orders.*

**New Donor Deadline Of March 1**

The VASF would like to remind everyone that points for 1998 rankings will be awarded only for monies actually received by March 1, 1998. Matching grants gifts points will be posted as soon as the company contributions are received in the VASF office. The VASF wants to encourage those donors with matching grants to get them in early to allow the most time possible to get their corporate matching gifts into the VASF office by March 1, 1998.

The 1998 Donor Brochures are in the mail. Be watching your mail for 1998 VASF donor brochures and renewal cards. They feature an informative look behind the scenes of Big Orange Athletics. These brochures were mailed the first week of December from the VASF office. Included with each brochure is your personalized donor letter and renewal card. Now is a great time to make your 1998 contributions and still receive 1997 tax credit. If you have not received your new 1998 donor brochure by Dec. 12, call the VASF Office at (423) 974-1218.

**Fund Drive Workers**

If you are interested in working with the 1998 Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund Drive, which runs from January until March, contact John Currie in the VASF office at (423) 974-1218. The Fund Drive workers help the VASF encourage renewals and recruit new members into the VASF. Workers are divided into geographic teams. Team and individual prizes are available. Some of the prizes in the past few years have included away football and bowl trips, televisions and other electronics, and the team prize: the opportunity to "run through the "T"" before a home football game in front of 106,000-plus fans.

**Baseball Ticket Information**

The Diamond Vols' season starts in less than two months. Now is a good time to get your name on the mailing list for season or individual game ticket package information. Contact Chip Bryant in the office of Athletic Marketing at (423) 974-1218 for more details. The 1998 Season Ticket Renewal cards will be mailed the last part of December.

—Steve Sams


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*On November 29, during halftime ceremonies at the UT-Vandy game, longtime Vol broadcasters Bill Anderson and John Ward were recognized for their 30 years of bringing Vol football to fans everywhere including the Vol Network, and now on the Internet and TeamLine USA.*

**30 Years On The Vol Network**

Thirty-four years ago John Ward started his Vol Network radio career as a basketball announcer. Shortly thereafter, Ward was asked to join Bill Anderson to bring the play-by-play of Tennessee football to fans across the nation. On September 14, 1968, in the season-opening game against Georgia, Ward and Anderson made their broadcast debut and have been there ever since. We congratulate them on this special anniversary, and we thank them for the memories of great players and great games.

**Manning Garners More Honors**

Staying around for his fourth season, Peyton Manning is earning national recognition. The latest form of recognition came by way of the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, presented annually to the nation's top senior collegiate quarterback by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc., and the kentucky Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame.

Coming out of the final regular season game against the Vanderbilt Commodores, Manning has passed for 3446 yards, 32 touchdowns and had nine interceptions. He has led the Vols to a 10-1 record and has a career passing mark of 10,828 yards.

The awards presentation will be made in Louisville, Ky., on Dec. 12. NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas will attend the ceremony at the Galt House to make the official presentation. Tickets for the award dinner are $30 each or tables of eight for $240. They may be ordered by calling (502) 589-9911.

The second recognition came from the Football Writers Association of America on Nov. 27. Manning was named to the FWAA All-America Team. The FWAA team is chosen by a nine-member board regionally distributed throughout the country. The team has been selected since 1944. Manning, as you may recall, has already been named to the Football News' All-America Team.

His other recognition came after the Vols 59-31 victory over Kentucky. For his 25-35, 523 yard and five touchdown performance, Manning was named as the CNN/SI College Football Player of the Week. Each week CNN/SI choose from among thousands of college athletes based on their outstanding statistics, overall game performance or game-breaking plays.

**Manning Named Football News Offensive Player of the Year**

Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning has been named Football News' 1997 Offensive Player of the Year. Manning beat out an all-star cast of finalists that included quarterback Ryan Leaf of Washington Stae, Marshall's record-breaking receiver Randy Moss, Texas running back Ricky Williams and UCLA tailback Skip Hicks.

Manning will join FN's Defensive Player of the Year, Michigan defensive back Charles Woodson, on Monday, Feb. 2, 1998, at the National Athletic Awards ceremony in Detroit's Fox Theatre.

**Vols Ranked Fifth In Poll**

After suffering their first home-dual meet loss in 29 attempts, the Vols actually moved up one spot in the current CSCAA Top 25 Poll. The Vols fell in the final race of the meet to No. 3 Texas at the Student Aquatic Center.

**Swimming Defeats Clemson**

The 12th-ranked Lady Vol swimming and diving team slipped by Clemson by 10 points in South Carolina on Nov. 21, to extend its winning streak to four. The Tennessee victory was in doubt until the second to last race of the meet, where the Lady Vols swept the top three spots in the 200y breastroke. UT captured the 146.5-136.5 victory to move its record to 4-0, behind the performance of senior All-American Fabiola Molina, who was the Lady Vols' second triple winner in as many meets. Molina captured the 100y butterfly, 200y backstroke and 400y individual medley. She also posted an NCAA provisionally qualifying time in the latter race.

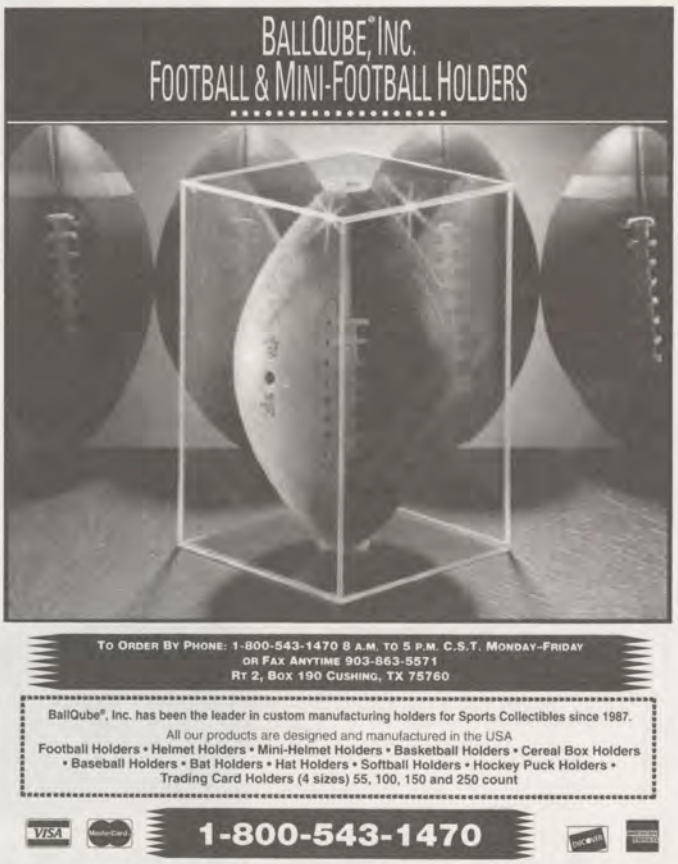
**Volleyball Claims First SEC Tourney Win**

A nine-year winless streak was snapped in the first round of the SEC volleyball tournament in Athens, Ga., as the Lady Vols captured a 15-7, 16-14, 15-9, victory over Alabama. Not only was it Tennessee's first tournament win since 1988, but it was the first tournament victory over the Crimson Tide since 1981. In UT's second-round match against No. 23 Arkansas, the Razorbacks ended Tennessee's run with a 15-10, 15-3, 15-5 win, before eventually unseeding fourth-ranked Florida to claim the tournament title.

**Vol Baseball Camp**

The Volunteer baseball staff will hold its annual Christmas Camp on Dec. 27-28 (Sat. & Sun.) for ages 7-12. On Dec. 29-30, the camp will be available for ages 13-seniors to be. Cost of the camps are $140.00 for each child. For more information, contact the UT Baseball Office at (423) 974-2057.

**--Volunteers Magazine Staff**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The Vols picked up two more iwns to run their record to 6-0, which is the best start for a Tennessee team since the 1982-83 season. The Vols opened the season 8-0 that year. The 6-0 mark is also the best start ever for a first-year head coach. Here's how they did it.

**Tennessee 69, Appalachian State 46**

DaShay Jones scored 15 points to lead the Vols to victory over Appalachian State Nov. 28. It was the fifth straight win for the Vols that is their best start in 15 years.

Appalachian State (3-1) only hit 26 percent of shots from the floor, turned over the ball 19 times and hit only one of 15 3-point attempts.

Jones got his first start of the year in place of Brandon Wharton and responded with a solid effort. A Jones' bucket right before halftime finished off a 27-7 run by Tennessee that gave them a 36-16 halftime lead.

The onslaught did not stop there, as the Vols opened up the second half with a 22-6 run to put them up 58-22 with just under 12 minutes left in the game.

From there the Vols made wholesale substitutions with everybody playing at least seven minutes of everybody by two players playing over 10 minutes. Tony Harris had 13 points and four assists for Tennessee, with Rashard Lee adding 11. Marshall Phillips led the Mountaineers with 13 points and 11 rebounds while Tyson Patterson added 11 points.

This was the first game in Wharton's 61-game career that he did not start for the Vols.

***APPALACHIAN ST (3-1)***

*M. Phillips 4-12 5-10 13, Darner 0-7 1-2 1, Livingston 3-7 1-2 7, McMahon 1-5 3-4 5, Patterson 4-10 3-4 11, Adderly 0-9 0-1 0, Grover 1-1 0-0 2, Tyler 1-2 0-0 2, Crosston 1-1 0-0 2, Adams 0-1 0-0 0, McFadden 1-4 0-0 3, Coffey 0-2 0-0 0, K. Phillips 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 16-61 13-23 46.*

***TENNESSEE (5-0)***

*Black 2-5 0-0 5, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Torrey Harris 1-1 3-4 5, Jones 6-11 1-2 15, Tony Harris 6-13 0-0 13, Hathaway 2-4 1-4 5, Wharton 3-10 0-0 7, Lee 5-9 0-1 11, Victor 3-7 2-4 8, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Baker 0-3 0-0 0, Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Sewell 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 28-68 15 20 69.*

**Tennesee 83, Tennessee Tech 69**

The Vols got word before the game that Charles Hathaway would be unavailable to play, so the perimeter players stepped up their game.

Tony Harris, Wharton and Jones got starting nods on the outside and they all delivered . Tony Harris had a career-high 21, Wharton tossed in 19, including four 3-pointers, and Jones had 15 along with team-high nine rebounds.

The Vols held a 34-33 edge at the break, but were able to open 16 point lead midway through the second half. Wharton capped off the run with ajumper and a 3-pointer.

But the Golden Eagles charged back and cut the 64-62 with 4:35 left in the game. C.J. Black responded with a dunk, and Wharton hit his fourth 3-pointer of the game to push the lead back out to 69-62

***TENNESSEE TECH (3-2)***

*Whitehom 6-12 4-4 17, Franco 6-15 1-2 13, Akins 6-15 3-3 15, Glanton 4-8 1-2 1, Woodbine 1-9 0-0 2, Beasley 0-0 0-0 0, Wilson 4-12 1-4 11, Hart 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 27-73 10-15 69.*

***TENNESSEE (6-0)***

*Black 4-10 0-1 8, Wharton 5-13 5-6 19, Torrey Harris 3-4 0-2 6, Jones 7-14 0-0 15, Tony Harris 7-11 5-7 21, Victor 4-10 1-4 9, Davis 1-5 0-0 3, Lee 1-5 0-0 2, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Moore 0-1 0-2 0, Totals 32-T4 11-22 83.*

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# *Lady Vol Hoops Action...*

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Before heading on to one of their most important road trips of the season to face the Stanford Cardinal and the Portland Pilots, the Lady Vols had dates with Vermont, and UT-Martin, Coach Pat Head Summitt's alma mater.

**Lady Vols 74, Pilots 51**

The top-ranked Lady Vols used a strong 17-0 run in the second half to put away Portland on the final game of a two-game West Coast trip. Misty Greene scored nine of her game-high 16 points during the 17-0 run that increased UT's lead from 38-32 to 55-32.

The 16 points marked a season high for Greene, who had three three-pointers during that run and was started by Tamika Catchings' three. Chamique Holdsclaw had 13 points and seven rebounds and Teresa Geter added 12, seven rebounds and four blocks for the Lady Vols who improved to 6-0 on the season. Semeka Randall chipped in 11 off the bench.

***Tennessee (6-0)***

*Holdsclaw 6-13 1-1 13, Catchings 2-2 1-1 6, Stephens 3-8 1-3 7, Elzy 2-8 3-5 7, Jolly 0-5 0-0 0, Greene 6-10 0-0 16, Butts 0-3 0-0 0, Geter 6-8 0-0 12, Laxton 0-1 0-0 0, Milligan 1-5 0-0 2, Randall 5-8 1-2 11. Totals 31-71 7-12 74.*

***Portland (2-3)***

*Hepton 3-5 2-2 8, K. Greene 4-12 8-9 16, S. Greene 3-8 0-0 6, Pomphill 3-9 1-1 7, Draper 3-6 0-0 6, Maccormac 1-7 0-0 2, Rissmiller 0-2 2-3 2, Felts 0-1 0-0 0, Benton 2-3 0-0 4, James 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-53 13-15 54.*

*Misty Greene poured in 16 points in win over the Portland Pilots.*

**Lady Vols 88, The Cardinal 70**

The Lady Vols played a tight and close first half in San Jose, Calif., second home to the Stanford Cardinal, but turned to a tenacious defense in the second half to pull away with a 88-70 triumph.

The Lady Vols dealt No. 10 Stanford its first home loss, breaking a 49-game home win streak.

Tennessee had four players in double figures paced by Holdsclaw's 25 points and freshman Catchings' 20 points.

***Tennessee (5-0)***

*Holdsclaw 11-17 3-3 25, Catchings 6-14 7-8 20, Stephens 3-5 0-0 6, Elzy 3-8 3-4 9, Jolly 2-7 1-2 5, Randall 5-19 7-11 17, Geter 2-4 0-0 4, Butts 1-3 0-0 2, Greene 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-78 21-28 88.*

***Stanford (1-3)***

*Scott 5-10 8-10 18, Nygaard 4-13 9-9 17, Owen 4-7 6-7 14, Paterson 5-11 0-0 11, Flores 2-10 0-0 5, Batastini 1-5 1-4 3, Moos 0-0 0-0 0, Freuen 0-1 0-0 0, Dimson 1-2 0-0 2, Granderson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-59 24-30 70.*

**Lady Vols 92, Catamounts 52**

Tennessee returned to its home court, after their trip to UT-Martin, to face the Catamounts of Vermont. This was apart of an agreement where Tennessee went to Vermont for a tournament last fall, winning over host Vermont by some 20 points. This year it would be tougher, at least for a half. Tennessee, however, wound up winning going away 92-52, but it took a while.

The Lady Vols found themselves matching a hot-shooting Catamount team with free throw tosses. The Catamounts were shooting 70 percent (7-of-10) at one point while Tennessee was hitting on the charity tosses (16-for-23) in the first half. Before the first half was over, the Lady Vols had two fewer baskets than the Catamounts, but had made 14 more free throws. All of that led to a 42-32 Tennessee lead at intermission.

The enthusiasm was short-lived, as the Lady Vols broke off a 28-10 run, sparked by the play of Holdsclaw. Holdsclaw got into foul trouble early and took a seat on the bench with a little over four minutes to go in the first half. She did not return to the floor until almost four minutes had passed in the second half. Holdsclaw, playing like the All-America she is, canned four straight jumpers, using Jordan-like moves and shots to propel the run.

In fact, the Lady Vols outscored the Catamounts 50-20 in the second half, hitting on 45 percent of their shots and knocking down 11 of 17 free throws. Tennessee placed four players in double figures as Holdsclaw finished with 27, Catchings had 15, LaShonda Stephens netted 10, Kellie Jolly dropped in 12, and Brynae Laxton had a career high 11 points.

***Tennessee (4-0)***

*Holdsclaw 10-14 6-6 27, Catchings 6-11 2-4 15, Stephens 4-9 2-5 10, Elzy 0-5 5-6 5, Jolly 4-8 3-3 12, Laxton 3-8 5-7 11, Geter 1-5 3-8 5, Butts 3-5 1-1 7, Greene 0-4 0-0 0. Totals. 31-69 27-40 92.*

***Vermont (3-1)***

*Church 7-12 5-6 20, Cronin 6-11 0-0 14, Dodge 2-3 0-0 4, Taylor 0-4 0-0 0, Kirvin 3-9 2-3 8, Conrad 1-4 1-2 3, Burke 0-1 0-0 0, Filia 0-0 1-2 1, Zornow 1-2 0-2 2, Coleman 0-1 0-0 0, Burroughs 0-1 0-1 0, Bothwell 0-1 0-0 0, Lauzon 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-49 9-16 52.*

**Lady Vols 72, UT-Martin 32**

The Lady Vols headed to West Tennessee for a special weekend of recognition for Coach Summitt. A former college star at Martin, Coach Summitt was being recognized in her collegiate home town. Ceremonies included having a street named in her honor, a luncheon for her and the squad, and having UT Martin's court named after her.

The ceremonies may have been a distraction for the Lady Vols of Tennessee as they had their poorest shooting nights on this young season, shooting only 42.2 percent from the floor. Coupled with the scrappy play of Martin, Tennessee put the poor first-half performance behind them and dominated the second half (shooting 51.9 percent) on their way to a 72-32 victory on Pat Head Summitt Court.

***Tennessee (3-0)***

*Holdsclaw 7-13 2-4 16, Catchings 4-11 6-9 15, Stephens 1-1 2-4 4, Elzy 5-14 3-4 13, Jolly 3-8 1-2 7, Butts 2-2 0-0 4, Greene 1-4 0-0 2, Randall 1-4 0-1 2, Laxton 0-2 1-2 1, Geter 3-5 3-4 9. Totals 27-64 18-30 73.*

***UT-Martin (0-1)***

*Lockridge 4-11 0-0 8, Smithson 1-7 0-0 3, Bohannan 1-1 0-4 2, Fields 1-9 3-5 6, Hicks 0-6 0-0 0, Wheeler 0-2 0-0 0, Melton 0-1 0-0 0, Miller 2-4 1-4 5, Harris 2-10 2-5 6, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Crowe 0-5 2-2 2. Totals 11-56 8-20 32.*

—Donnell Field

# The Last Word...

## "The ABC's of Big Orange Basketball"

You never know what you're going to find when you visit someone else's office, but we found something really interesting while waiting to see head coach Jerry Green the other day.

It is called "The ABC's of Big Orange Basketball," and was assembled by Mrs. Tharp's Fourth Grade Class at Gap Creek School in South Knoxville.

Courtney Rollins wrote Coach Green as follows: "My class and I wrote an ABC Volunteers book. I think it is a very good book, and I think that you would enjoy it, too. So please read it and enjoy it. I know you will."

Here from A to Z is a look at Big Orange basketball.

**A - Action** Basketball is a game of action.

**B - C.J. Black/Del Baker** C.J. Black and Del Baker are really great players.

**C - Court** All the UT Basketball players run down the court.

**D - Vegas Davis** Vegas Davis can jump extremely high!

**E - Effort** When a player gives a lot of practice into what they're doing.

**F - Foul** A foul is when you grab a player's arm or something like that.

**G - Jerry Green/Aaron Green** Jerry Green is the coach and tells the players what to do. Aaron Green plays defense to stop the ball.

**H - Torrey Harris, Charles Hathaway and Tony Harris** Harris, Hathaway and Harris will lead us to SEC victory!

**I - Injury** Basketball players must stretch to prevent an injury.

**J - Jump/Jones** DaShay Jones scores two points! A UT basketball player can jump very high when he slams the ball.

*Jerry Green is a significant part of the "ABC's of Big Orange Basketball."*

**K - Knoxville** The UT Vols play at Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville.

**L - Layup/Lee** A Layup is the easiest shot in basketball. Rashard Lee is as fast as lightning.

**M - Man-to-Man/Scott Moore** I would hate to play man-to-man with Scott Moore! Man-to-Man is a kind of defense. A player is assigned a certain part to play in.

**N- Nickname** A nickname is a long name shortened into a small name, for example, Volunteers - Vols.

**O - Out of Bounds** The ball is out of bounds when it goes out of the line.

**P - Points** When a player makes a shot in a game.

**Q - Quick** Basketball players are very quick.

**R - Rebound** If a player has shot the ball but missed the hoop, another player will rebound the ball.

**S - Sewell/Shoot the Ball** Anthony Sewell is a hometown player. A player shoots the ball after he aims for the square. He hopes he makes it.

**T - Time Out** Time Out is called when a player is hurt, or they want to make a new plan.

**U - University of Tennessee** Volunteers play for the University of Tennessee.

**V - Isiah Victor** Isiah Victor is a player that gets the ball and tries to get a shot.

**W - Brandon Wharton** Brandon Wharton is a player that brings the ball down the court.

**X - X's and O's** The coach draws X's and O's to indicate where the players play.

**Y - Yes! Yes!** Vincent Yarbrough will be a Vol! Everyone says Yes! when the Vols score a point.

**Z - Zone** A zone is a kind of defense that a basketball team can play.

As you can see, the impact of UT sports is not confined to the dimensions of Shields-Watkins Field or Thompson-Boling Arena. The youngsters at Gap Creek School have shown us that clearly and we enjoyed bringing it to you here in the "Last Word."

—Tom Mattingly

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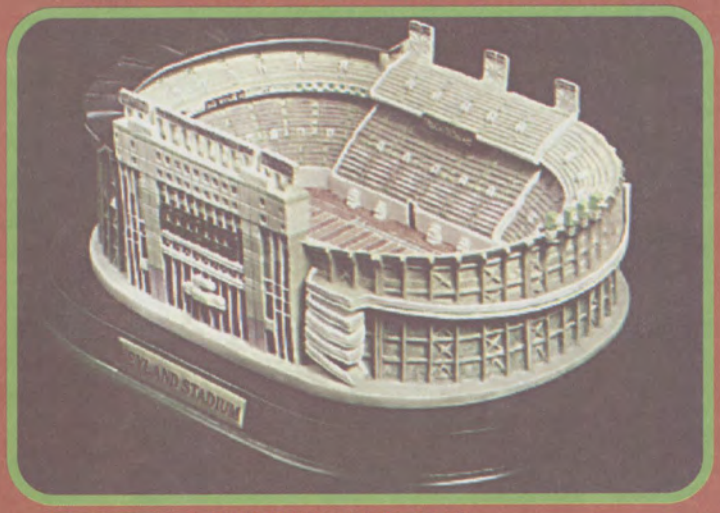

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